

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA  
ASHEVILLE DIVISION  
1:13 CR 07**

<b>UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,</b>	)	
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<b>Vs.</b>	)	<b>ORDER</b>
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<b>TRINIDAD LOPEZ.</b>	)	
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**THIS CAUSE** coming on to be heard and being heard before the undersigned at the close of a Rule 11 proceeding that was held before this Court on February 7, 2013. It appearing to the Court at the call of this matter on for hearing the Defendant was present with his attorney, Fredilyn Sison and the government was present and represented through Assistant United States Attorney John Pritchard. From the arguments of counsel for Defendant and the arguments of the Assistant United States Attorney and the records in this cause, the Court makes the following findings:

**Findings.** On January 29, 2013 a bill of information was issued charging Defendant with possessing with intent to distribute methamphetamine, a schedule II controlled substance, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). On February 7, 2013, the undersigned held and inquiry, pursuant to Rule 11 of the Federal Rules

of Criminal Procedure and accepted a plea of guilty of Defendant to that charge.

At the end of the Rule 11 proceeding, this court presented the issue of whether or not Defendant should now be detained, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2).

**Discussion.** 18 U.S.C. § 3143(a)(2) provides as follows:

(2) The judicial officer shall order that a person who has been found guilty of an offense in a case described in subparagraph (A), (B), or (C) of subsection (f)(1) of section 3142 and is awaiting imposition or execution of sentence be detained unless ----

(A)(i) the judicial officer finds there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted; or

(ii) an attorney for the Government has recommended that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed on the person; or

(B) the judicial officer finds by clear and convincing evidence that the person is not likely to flee or pose a danger to any other person or the community.

From an examination of the records in this cause, it appears Defendant has entered a plea of guilty on February 7, 2013 of possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 841(a)(1). That crime is one of the crimes that is referenced under 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f)(1)(C).

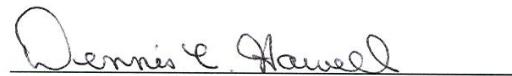
The undersigned made an inquiry of Assistant United States Attorney John Pritchard as to whether or not there is going to be a recommendation that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed upon Defendant. Mr. Pritchard advised the

Court that such a recommendation could not be made in this matter. As a result of the plea of guilty, the undersigned cannot find there is a substantial likelihood that a motion for acquittal or new trial will be granted. Based upon the statements of Mr. Pritchard, the undersigned cannot find that an attorney for the government has or will recommend that no sentence of imprisonment be imposed upon Defendant. It would thus appear and the Court is of the opinion that the Court is bound by law to apply the factors as set forth under 18 U.S.C. §3143(a)(2) which require the detention of Defendant.

## **ORDER**

**IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED**, that Defendant be detained pending sentencing and further proceedings in this matter.

Signed: February 12, 2013



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Dennis L. Howell  
United States Magistrate Judge

